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INSTALLING INDIVIDUAL DEVICES OF A HOME
ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM**

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June 1, 2004

750 B STREET, Suite 3120
San Diego, CA 92101**RULE 131 DECLARATION**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Frederick Zustak, declare as follows:

As evidenced by the enclosed Sony Invention Disclosure form signed and dated as being witnessed by me on May 1, 2001, the present inventors conceived of the present invention at least prior to October 2, 2001. Specifically, using the limitations of Claim 1 as an example and referring to the enclosed Sony Invention Disclosure form, the present inventors conceived of a portable flash memory device (Memory Stick®, first paragraph) that is engageable with the television and the entertainment device (first paragraph) for receiving information therefrom. The memory media has set-up instructions for the television and/or the peripheral device ("in use" section) that can be displayed at the television.

I declare that the inventors were diligent in reducing the invention to practice at least from a time prior to October 2, 2001. Specifically, I declare that the inventors submitted the enclosed invention disclosure prior to October 2, 2001 to Sony Intellectual Property Department, which then diligently processed the application for

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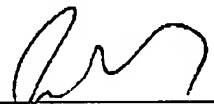
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disclosure to outside counsel and subsequent filing within the usual course of Sony business in filing patent applications.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United State Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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